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The Lamplighter
September 2026
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Pastor's Pen

Hello Church!

Have you ever played around with an AI image generator? You can give it a picture and ask it to change the image in almost any way imaginable. You can make yourself younger, place yourself in a different time period, turn yourself into a superhero, or even imagine what you might look like doing something you've never done—like skydiving. It's fascinating to see what technology can create, even though the image isn't real.

But long before computers ever existed, God gave us something even more powerful than an AI image generator: **the human mind.**

Our minds have an incredible ability to create an image—or perception—of ourselves and the world around us. The problem is that we aren't always careful about the input we allow to shape that image.

As Christians, we work hard to live self-controlled lives. We try to bring our outward behavior into alignment with Jesus—what we say, what we do, and how we treat others. But what about what is happening inside our minds?

What are you allowing to shape the way you see yourself?

Maybe you continually replay your past mistakes. Maybe you focus on your weaknesses, your failures, or what other people have said about you. Maybe you look at the problems in your life and allow them to become the picture you have of yourself and your future.

But is that picture the truth?

How do you think Jesus sees you?

In 2 Corinthians 10:4–5, Paul tells us to **"take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ."** Paul isn't simply encouraging us to think more positively. He is calling us to examine the thoughts that shape us and bring them under the authority of Jesus.

In fact, Paul describes this as part of a spiritual battle. Our weapons aren't violence or force. Instead, we fight by bringing our thoughts under the truth of Christ and refusing to let lies, fear, shame, or our past define us.

The image we carry of ourselves matters because **we tend to live out of the picture we have created in our minds.**

So this week, pay attention to your thoughts. When your mind tells you, *"I'm not good enough,"* ask what Jesus says. When it tells you, *"I'll always be this way,"* ask what Jesus says. When it reminds you of who you used to be, remember who you are becoming in Christ. **Let Jesus reshape the picture.**

What would change in your week if you began to see yourself the way Jesus sees you?

What would change if you allowed His truth—not your past, your failures, your fears, or the opinions of others—to be the primary input shaping the image you have of yourself?

Take every thought captive. Let Christ have the final word.

In Christ, Pastor Dave

Life Under the Clock Tower

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone,
iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory**  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV

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Lunch Bunch will be meeting

Tuesday September 15

Fresh Start - Rt 30 @ noon

Sign up at the network table or contact

Margaret Malehorn at 717-266-0352

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submissions for the October

Newsletter is September 15.

Please email submissions to

office@gotobethlehem.org

Prayer Breakfast

Joint Venture led by
Rev. Roger Mentzer

Join us every Thursday morning from
8AM -9:30AM at Two Brothers Family
Restaurant in York for a time of
fellowship, food and scripture.
Join us, all are welcome!

We Need Church Cleaning Teams

To Help



If you are able to help please pick up a
**Form in Wesley Hall or
on the table outside the gym**

If you have any questions see Troy Harrold



Church Mouse

Greetings my Bethlehem Church family, Charity reporting,

Wow, can you believe it? Another school year has begun, and I was just yesterday thinking to myself that Summer had just barely started. I guess I really shouldn't be all that surprised, as summer around the halls and walls of Bethlehem Church is a much quieter time of the year. But, no more quiet!! Not only has the school year begun, but so too has the regular calendar of church activities. Pay close attention, as I am about to reveal the highlights of what September has in store.

The Bethlehem Book Club is getting the month under way on September 1st, as they meet at 10:00am to discuss "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks.

The Adult Sunday School Class will be beginning a study of the book of Ruth on September 6th. They are inviting everyone to come join them in discovering what is so special about this short book. Class runs from 9:15-10:00 every Sunday in the Office Conference Room.

The Women's Bible Study will pick up on Wednesday September 9th, so get that date on your calendar today. Also, September 9th is the date of the re-opening of the Common Grounds Café. Enjoy your goodies early!!

The altar flowers on September 13th will be distributed on September 14th to those from our congregation who can no longer attend worship. If you can help in that distribution, please let Darlene Kuhn know.

One of my favorite times of the year is when New Members join our family of believers. New Member classes are starting in September, so please contact the church office ASAP to make them aware of your interest in joining Bethlehem Church.

Don't forget to sign up at the network table in Wesley Hall for Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, September 15th.

Movie Night will take place on September 18th at 6:00pm in the Children's Department. Reply by 9/13/26.

The Missions Team is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on September 20th. Proceeds go to Andy Stump, to benefit his ministry in Haiti. Me and my mouse family just love any opportunities for our Bethlehem family to come together for a meal. Our family will take care of cleaning up the floor. Speaking of food, get the date for the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on your calendar. There will be 3 seating times on Sept. 24th; 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00.

Sunshine bags are a special treat for our homebound members. Since the next distribution will not take place for more than a month, please check the list of suggestions for possible items to be included in these 'bags of cheer' (found in this Newsletter), and start collecting items to bring joy to the lives of our mature members.

Perhaps the most exciting news this month is that Bethlehem Church is about to start a new series for our Life Groups. The focus is on our call to "spread the good news of Jesus Christ." The first session of this eight-week series is slated to begin the week of September 21st. Sign-up sheets will be found at the rear of Wesley Hall, starting August 30th. Please examine these sheets carefully, as the day of the week, the time of each session, the location of the Life Group, and the host and facilitator of the group are all different. This series promises to provide excitement to all who attend. Even if you can't make every session, don't hesitate to sign up.

Church Mouse/Life Under the Tower

Additional Announcements:

The Sunday Youth Group. It meets 5:30-7:00 pm, and provides a place for youth to come explore Jesus, as well as experience fellowship with other youth. All youth are welcome. Everyone in our church family can help by signing up in Wesley Hall to provide a meal for these fabulous young people.

Prayer breakfast Thursdays 8:00-9:30am,

at Two Brothers Family Restaurant - Led by Roger Mentzer

Men's Group Meeting – Saturdays at Common Grounds Café – 8:00-9:00am.

Altar Flower sponsors needed – Contact Wendy Pichler.

Greeters for 10:30 Service are needed – contact Palmer Poff.

Sponsors for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen needed.

Please remember needs for Emmanuel's Closet, Mission Central and

Lifepath Thrift Store

Men's Basketball League – Monday Nights at 7pm

Weis, Giant and Jerry's gift cards are available at the network table in Wesley Hall.

The 8:00 and 10:30 services are both in need of additional volunteers to run the sound board and the camera. If you are willing to provide such a crucial service at either of these times, please speak to Keith Metzel. Keep praying for all the exciting things that are happening and will be happening in the future within this family of believers that call Bethlehem Church home.

Love,

Charity (the Church Mouse)

Help Shape Our Next Step

TWO STEPS. ONE PURPOSE. DISCERNING TOGETHER.

1 STEP ONE: NARROWING DOWN OUR OPTIONS



We are prayerfully identifying which denomination best fits our congregation.

- We are focusing on three options:
- The Wesleyan Church
 - The Church of the Nazarene
 - The Global Methodist Church

2 STEP TWO: THE CONVERSATION AHEAD



After we identify the best fit, we will begin the deeper conversation about our future—staying independent or joining that denomination.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK



AUGUST 23

THROUGH



SEPTEMBER 20

Your voice matters
AS WE SEEK GOD'S DIRECTION TOGETHER.

Life Under the Church Tower



If you donate any goods to any LIFEPATH Thrift store, give them our church name **(Bethlehem Church Dallastown)** and we will get credit for the items to receive gift cards to **help someone in need.**

We have an account with **Community Aid Foundation.** If you donate items there, please mention that you are from **Bethlehem Church in Dallastown** for the church account # **50415** to receive credit.



"Mission Central"

**Nail clippers*

**Children's Scissors*

**Spiral notebooks*

**Composition books*

**12" ruler w/ centimeters*

**Hand towels (No fleece, microfiber, or kitchen towels)*

**Spray air freshener (pump, 4-8 oz size)*

Emmanuel's Closet

is collecting selected donations of food.

If you can help, we are in need of the following:

- *Juice
- *Desserts
- *Cans of fruit
- *Pancake Mix/syrup
- *Cereal
- *Pasta sides (ex: suddenly salad)
- *Cans of beets
- *Oatmeal
- *Poptarts
- *Paper towels
- *Tissues
- *Ketchup
- *Mustard
- *Pickles
- *BBQ sauce
- *Salad dressing
- *Croutons

Please mark donations for Emmanuel's Closet and drop them off near the mailboxes. We appreciate your continued support.

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We are looking for persons or couples who would be willing to greet one Sunday before the 10:30AM service. Serving time would begin at 10AM at the front of the church. Contact Palmer Poff at 717-244-4240 if you would be willing to serve in this meaningful ministry of welcoming members and visitors to our wonderful church.

Thank you to our choir members that have helped out over the summer, Nancy Leber, Margaret Malehorn, Kirk & Bev Slenker, Terry & Nancy Knisely, and Brad & Kathy Kline for being greeters the month of July.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Many of our neighbors in York City are struggling to meet basic needs, and face hunger and homelessness daily. More than 60 churches of all faiths across York County, as well as civic groups, participate in the ministry of the **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** by providing breakfast and lunch every weekday to over 250 people.

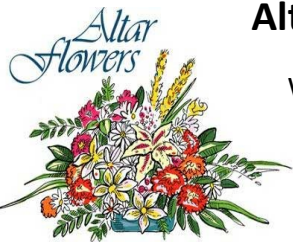
Again, the Bethlehem Missions Committee is grateful to everyone who has responded to this need by becoming sponsors of the ministry between Bethlehem and **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**. Donations have made it possible for the Missions Committee to purchase and prepare a hot luncheon that will be served to over 300 children and adults at the soup kitchen in downtown.

We continually give God thanks for the generosity of the Bethlehem Church family!

Name _____

\$50.00 Donation

(Make checks payable to Bethlehem Church
in memo put Our Daily Bread)



Altar Flower Sponsors needed

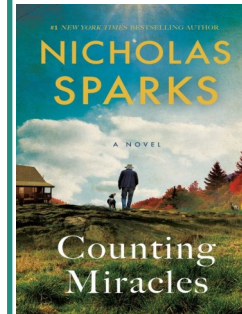
What a great way to honor a loved one and

Glorify God. Reserve your spots now.

Cost is \$50.

Please contact Wendy Pichler - 717-578-6747 for more information.

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The Book Club is held the **1st Tuesday** of the month in the Conference room or Wesley Hall at 10:00am.

September 1, 2026 will be our first meeting

The book is **Counting Miracles** by Nicholas Sparks. This is a great way to meet other members of Bethlehem and enjoy a friendly discussion of the book read.



Perhaps the best kept secret at Bethlehem Church is that an

Adult Sunday School Class

Location: office conference room

When: Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:00

Leader: by Jim Stine.

Starts on: Sunday Sept. 6th,

We will be studying the Book of Ruth

Everyone is welcome to come see what is so special about this short book



Schedule for Women's Bible Study

Please note we will resume our Bible

Study on September 9, 2026.

"Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

God bless!

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A New Season of Singing is Beginning!

The first rehearsal for the chancel choir is Wed, September 9th from 7:15 - 8:30 PM in the sanctuary.

The first rehearsal for the Children's Choir is Sun, September 13 at 9:00 AM in the Sunday School area. The choir is open to children in kindergarten through 6th grade who attend any of our church services.



Movie Night

SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S DEPT
MOVIE & ICE CREAM SUNDAES

RSVP BY 9/13
JBSPYKER@HOTMAIL.COM
717-600-4075



MISSION TEAM IS HOSTING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SEPTEMBER 20

Seatings will be
After 9:15 service
or After 10:30 service

Our menu includes:
Pancakes, scrambled eggs,
sausage, fruit, donuts, and
drinks

Proceeds go to Andy Stump, missionary to Haiti



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Saturday Men's Group Meeting



When: Saturdays

Where: Common Grounds Café

Time: 8:00 – 9:00am

Calling **all** men of Bethlehem to a meeting of fellowship, discussions of subjects to enrich our understanding of the Word of God and any personal subjects, as needed, related to individual subjects.

Questions?? Contact:

Troy Harrold at trharrold@comcast.net Or
Keith Metzel at sanctuarysound2015@gmail.com

JOIN US for Youth Group!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAYS FROM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

FOLLOWING JESUS!

BETHLEHEM CHURCH
109 E. MAIN STREET,
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313

Sunday Youth Group

Volunteers needed to bring meals

Sign up in Wesley Hall

If you would like provide a meal for our youth group time there is a sign up sheet in Wesley Hall!

You will need to provide a meal for around 20 people.

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If you have noticed...we have 4 new Visitor Welcome Stands thru- out the church. The Connection's Committee donated these so we now have a way of trying to get visitors to communicate with us when they visit. We would like everyone to encourage a visitor to fill out a card and either give it to you



or drop it in the offering plate. We have several volunteers making beautiful cards for us to send the visitor a hand written note after their visit. Our committee has been working on getting new ways to make visitors feel welcome. Any other suggestions are appreciated! So far this summer, we sent out 8 cards to visitors. We have a member who is making an extra special effort to get us names and addresses! What a blessing if we would all take the time to do that too!

Thank you,
Margo McGuigan,
(Chairperson of Connection's Committee)

The **Altar and Flower Guild** would like to say, **THANK YOU** to the 57 adult and youth volunteers who participated the 5-day event at the Dallastown Carnival, and to the people who visited us from the church and the community. With over 385 volunteer hours, we could have not done this without the many volunteers from Bethlehem Church! We appreciate everyone who helped in all capacities to make this a great yearly event for Bethlehem as an OUTREACH to the Community, to share our warm hospitality and our Christian love from Bethlehem!

The GUILD says – Thank you for all the generosity that was shown during this event!

THE ALTAR AND FLOWER GUILD

They're Back & Waiting for You!!

Gift Cards for Giant, Weis Markets and Jerry's are now available once again for purchase. Great for gifts, back to college, and to just have on hand for any special occasions.

Please visit Wesley Hall between 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Julie and Darinda will happy to get you what you need. Your purchase benefits Bethlehem Missions. We could use your help.



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NEW MEMBER CLASS

CLASSES WILL BE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

Fall Small Groups

Evangelism: Becoming Fishers Of Men
8 Weeks starting September 21 - November 20



Life Group sign up
begins August 30

Save The Date



Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

3 Seating Times
4PM, 5PM, and
6PM

Bethlehem Church Dallastown
109 E Main St

Saturday October 24th
in Fellowship Hall (rear of church)

Adults \$14.00
Kids 12 & Under \$8.00



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September 14th! BUD VASES TO OUR HOMEBOUND

The beautiful flowers that will grace the altar in the sanctuary on *Grandparents Day (Sept 13th)* will once more be lovingly shared and delivered to those in our congregation who can no longer attend worship.

We need 6 to 8 Volunteers to help arrange and deliver the bud vases on *Monday, September 14th*

On Monday, September 14th, the flower arranging will be from 9 to 11 in New Fellowship Hall. Pick up for delivery will be at 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in helping, please complete this form and return the bottom portion to the “designated basket” on the table right outside of the Contemporary Service or to the “designated basket” in Wesley Hall by **August 23rd**

Please bring scissors or pruning shears on September 14th

Name _____

Phone Number _____

___ Yes, I can help with bud vase flower arranging on September 14th

___ Yes, I can help with delivery of the bud vases on September 14th

Questions: please contact
Darlene Kuhn- dkuhn@gotobethlehem.org or 717-891-3033

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Each year, on All Saints' Sunday, we take time to remember those in our church family who have “finished their course of faith and now rest from their labors” and pray for those who grieve their loss.

As is our tradition, those of our Bethlehem family who have passed will be called by name. Families of those individuals will be invited to take part in this remembrance at all three worship services by placing one memorial rose per family in a special wreath. We hope this can be a meaningful way to remember their lives, and as the morning progresses and more roses are added at each service, we will see the combined witness of those who have gone before us in faith.

There are also families and individuals who participate in the life of our church who have also lost loved ones who were not part of our congregation. At all worship services on November 1, 2026, these persons will be invited to stand and share the name(s) of the loved ones that have passed, lifting them as a special prayer focus for the day.

As part of this day of remembrance, persons wishing to have their loved ones recognized are encouraged to bring a photograph on November 1, 2026, to be placed on a memorial table at Bethlehem Church in Wesley Hall of Friendship, to serve as a fitting tribute to those who have gone to eternal glory.

Each family is requested to retrieve their photograph at the end of the service.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or speak with Pastor David Stough.

God bless!

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IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO ADD TO SUNSHINE BAGS



Cards “Thinking of You” or “Cheer” of
“Encouragement

Handwritten notes

Handmade Cards with Short Devotional Story or
Inspirational Quote

Scripture Cards or Bookmarks

Artwork, Crafts, Drawings, or Cards from Children

Handmade or Seasonal Craft Items

Stained glass window hangings

Pens or Pencils, Easy grip

Small toiletry items such as lip balm, lotions, toothbrushes

Stress relief balls

Flavored tea bags, wrapped

Small books of humor, nostalgic stories, memories

Magazines with nature or travel photos, uplifting or funny
stories

Jokes or Riddles printed on index cards

Large print crosswords, word search puzzles, pencils

Highlighters for word searches

Small coloring book with crayons or colored pencils

Devotional guides

Photographs of the church or church friends

Stationery set with pre-stamped envelopes

Prewrapped candies, cookies, treats

Some bags are marked for Cards only, for delivery to
our distant homebound.

Just a tip: For our friends with visual issues, messages written
large and in dark marker are appreciated. Also consider
appropriate items for those struggling with cognitive decline.

Online are many free resources and pages that could be printed for
including in Sunshine bags. Here is one example that includes printable
scripture cards for every season, puzzles, coloring pages, etc. [https://
www.hometouchministry.com/covid19-resources-for-elderly-
homebound](https://www.hometouchministry.com/covid19-resources-for-elderly-homebound)

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Altar & Flower Guild

FALL FLOWER SALE

Order Forms are in Wesley Hall &
on table outside gym

ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 20th

PICK UP SEPTEMBER 27th IN WESLEY HALL

9” MUMS \$9.00 or 2 FOR \$15.00

_____ QUANTITY

___ PURPLE ___ YELLOW ___ ORANGE

___ BRONZE ___ PINK ___ WHITE

10” MUM HANGING BASKET \$13.00

_____ QUANTITY

___ PURPLE ___ YELLOW ___ ORANGE

___ BRONZE ___ PINK ___ WHITE



9” CABBAGE AND KALE TRIPLETS

\$9.00 or 2 for \$15.00

_____ QUANTITY

TOTAL _____

NAME _____

September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Book Club 6:30pm Mission Team Meeting 7pm AA	2	3 8am Prayer Breakfast	4 Office Closed	5 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
6 8am Traditional—Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	7 Office Closed 	8 Mission Central 9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Church Leader Meeting 7pm AA	9 Café Reopens 10am Women's Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Practice	10 8am Prayer Breakfast	11 Office Closed	12 8am Men's Group 9am Flower & Altar Guild 6pm AA
13 Grandparents Day 8am Traditional—Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	14 8:30am Flower Arranging 7pm Men's Basketball	15 Lunch Bunch 7pm AA	16 10am Women's Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Practice	17 8am Prayer Breakfast	18 Office Closed 6pm Children's Movie Night	19 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
20 9am Pancake Breakfast 8am Traditional—Chapel 9:15am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 5:30pm Youth Group	21 6:30 Prayer Shawl 7pm Men's Basketball	22 6:30pm Congregational Care Meeting 6:30pm Church Council 7pm AA	23 10am Women's Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Practice	24 8am Prayer Breakfast	25 Office Closed 6pm Girl Scouts	26 8am Men's Group 6pm AA
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